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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James Morrow et al.
Serial No.: 09/967,283 Examiner: Yveste Gilberte Cherubin
Filed: September 28, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3713
Title: RECONFIGURABLE GAMING MACHINE

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PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS WITH RESPECT TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an attachment to form 413A – Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

CURRENT STATUS

Claims 1-20, 30-46, 48-50, and 57-59 are pending in the present application. In the detailed action, claims 8 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as requiring clarification. Claims 1-7, 30-45, 48-50, and 57-59 were rejected in the Office Action summary, but were not addressed in the detailed action. Applicants are unclear as to why claims 1-7, 30-45, 48-50, and 57-59 have been rejected. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph - Claims 8 and 46

Claims 8 and 46 are pending in the present application and were rejected in the Office Action dated November 04, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as requiring clarification. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claims 8 and 46 are independent claims.

The Examiner states that the specification provides enablement for the terms "stand-alone" and "remote," but that the Examiner is unclear how a "stand-alone" device can be remotely reconfigured. The Examiner further states that she believes that a "stand-alone" device, by definition, does not require support from another device or system, such as a network. As such, the Examiner has requested clarification.

Claim 8 recites, "A stand-alone gaming machine, comprising: a plurality of screens that display video content for a game of chance located on the stand-alone gaming machine, wherein all of the video content for a different game of chance is remotely reconfigurable." The Examiner is correct insofar as the invention of independent claims 8 and 46 does not require support from another device or system in order to function, i.e., all of the video content for a plurality of games is stored locally on a stand-alone gaming machine. However, Applicants submit that this recitation does not prohibit any interaction whatsoever between the gaming machine and any non-local (i.e., remote) component. Accordingly, in the invention of claims 8 and 46, the reconfiguration of the stand-alone gaming machine is remotely triggered. Applicants further submit that this type of interaction is supported by the specification and is soundly within the clear meaning of the terms "stand-alone" and "remote." If the Examiner disagrees with this position, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate what part of the specification is not in accord with this clarification.

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2. Claim Rejections – Claims 1-7, 30-45, 48-50, and 57-59

Claims 1-7, 30-45, 48-50, and 57-59 are pending in the present application dated November 04, 2004, and were rejected in the Office Action summary, but were not addressed in the detailed action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants can only assume that this rejection is somehow related to the rejection of claims 8 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. If the Applicants assumption is correct, then the Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome by the clarification provided above. If the Applicants assumption is not correct, then the Applicants require further explanation to adequately respond to this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing discussions, it is clear that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of all of Applicants' claims 1-20, 30-46, 48-50, and 57-59 is believed to be in order, and an early Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8319. The undersigned attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 11/22/04

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/967,283 First Named Applicant: James Morrow
Examiner: Yveste Cherubin Art Unit: 3713 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Brooke W. Quist (2) Yveste Gilberte Cherubin

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 11/23/04 Proposed Time: TBD (AM ☐/PM ☒)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

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If yes, provide brief description: Proposed Discussion Topics with Respect to Office Action (attached hereto)

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Sec. 112</u>	<u>8 and 46</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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Examiner/SPE Signature

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